

Approved
13 June 2006

**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
21 MARCH 2006**

I. Call to Order

Chairman David Parker convened the meeting of The Florida International University Board of Trustees at 10:29 a.m., on Tuesday, 21 March 2006, at University Park, Graham Center Ballrooms, Miami, Florida.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present:

David Parker	Miriam Lopez
Betsy Atkins	Sergio Pino
Albert Dotson, Sr.	Alex Prado
Patricia Frost	Claudia Puig
Armando Guerra	Rosa Sugrañes
Bruce Hauptli	Herbert Wertheim
Kirk Landon	Modesto Maidique

Foundation Chairman, Carlos Migoya

II. Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Parker welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff. He welcomed members of the Foundation Board of Directors.

Chairman Parker reported that he was very pleased that after almost 30 months of negotiations between negotiating teams for the faculty and the university's administration, a contract was approved by the union with a 99% vote and with a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees on 27 February 2006. He added that a few minutes earlier, he had represented the Board at the signing of the new contract. On behalf of the Board, he congratulated the President, the negotiating teams, the Provost, the faculty and the administration for their diligence in completing negotiations. He also thanked the members of the Board's executive committee who spent many hours considering all the options for the negotiations. Chairman Parker remarked that the contract provides a package of competitive, professional benefits for our

faculty, and strengthens our university's mission of teaching, research and service.

Chairman Parker announced that the President, the Provost and the leadership of the Faculty Senate have signed an agreement that will substantially enhance faculty governance at FIU.

Chairman Parker noted that at the Board's June meeting of 2005, President Maidique requested that the Board not proceed with negotiations on a new contract for him before the faculty union contract was completed. He added that with the contract now successfully concluded, the process of finalizing a new contract for the President was underway. He thanked Administration Committee Chairman Albert Dotson for his leadership in the process and added he expected a contract to be ready in the near future.

Chairman Parker reported on a number of university issues including the success of the South Beach Wine and Food Festival held in cooperation with Southern Wine and Spirits of America. He reported that the financial statement of the year-end results for the FY ending June 30, 2005 were audited and the University and the State Auditor noted that the university's financial statements were presented fairly in all material respects and that no material weaknesses in financial reporting controls were found. He congratulated Vivian Sanchez and the entire finance and information technology teams for their diligence in obtaining a successful outcome.

Chairman Parker also noted that after the initial review of the President's travel records and current university-wide travel procedures, the Board was comfortable with the university's position. He added that the chairman of the Board's Finance and Audit Committee and the Foundation's Chairman are engaged in the process of benchmarking our university practices with those of other national institutions to look for opportunities to strengthen our policies.

Chairman Parker noted that several members of the Board had expressed concern over the span of time between meetings. Chairman Parker announced that as a result, regular, interim conference call meetings of the Board would be scheduled to provide updates and a forum for discussion and reports on university issues.

Chairman Parker reported that on 12 January 2006 he attended a meeting of the boards of trustees Chairs hosted by Florida Atlantic University. He added that a common thread among the board Chairs was to want more control over determining tuition at their respective universities. He noted that this would be an area of continued labor and deliberations between boards of trustees and the Board of Governors.

President's Remarks

President Maidique reported that the current edition of *Fortune Small Business* named Florida International University and the Eugenio Pino and Family Global Entrepreneurship Center as one of 10 "cool" universities in the country for entrepreneurial programs and research, putting it alongside institutions such as Harvard University and the University of Arizona. He reported that the university ranked 49th in *Kiplinger Magazine's* 100 Best

Values in Public Colleges for 2006. He also reported on the recent contract with Adidas to provide apparel for the Athletics program and on the School of Architecture's Interior Design Program accreditation by CIDA - Council for Interior Design Accreditation. President Maidique also welcomed Joe Velasco, the newly appointed Executive Director of the Athletic Association.

President Maidique reminded Trustees that the Florida Board of Governors was scheduled to vote on Thursday, 23 March 2006, on the establishment of medical schools at FIU and UCF. He thanked Trustee Herbert Wertheim on his generosity and leadership in this initiative. He extended an invitation for Trustees to join him at the meeting in Tallahassee.

III. Requests to Address the Board:

There were no requests to address the Board.

IV. FIU Foundation Report

Foundation Chairman Carlos Migoya reported that fundraising efforts were progressing as planned. He added that Alumni membership reached an all time high of 6,400 dues paying members, which represented a 21% increase from the beginning of the 2005-2006 fiscal year. He also reported on the success of the 2005 Torch Awards Gala, which marked an attendance increase of over 50% over the previous year.

V. Items for Board Consideration:

A. Action Items

1. Consent Agenda:

Chairman Parker asked for comments on any items included in the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the following matters included in the Consent Agenda are hereby approved:

- A. MINUTES, 22 NOVEMBER 2005 (EXHIBIT "A")
- B. MINUTES, 7 MARCH 2006 (EXHIBIT "B")
- C. FEDERAL PRIORITIES, 2006-2007 (EXHIBIT "C")
- D. UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT ANNUAL REVIEW PROCESS (EXHIBIT "D")
- E. EDUCATIONAL PLANT SURVEY UPDATE (EXHIBIT "E")
- F. M.S. HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (EXHIBIT "F")
- G. B.S. ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (EXHIBIT "G")
- H. PH.D. TRACK MATERIALS SCIENCE ENGINEERING (EXHIBIT "H")
- I. NOMENCLATURE CHANGE INTERIOR DESIGN (EXHIBIT "I")
- J. STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT (EXHIBIT "J")

FURTHER RESOLVED that Exhibits "A" – "J" are attached to this Resolution and made part of the minutes for this meeting.

2. Re-adoption of University Traffic and Parking Regulations

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Kirk Landon introduced the Re-Adoption of University Traffic and Parking Regulations for Board consideration. He reported that the Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended Board review and approval.

Without further discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Florida International University Board of Trustees (the BOT) is authorized to establish Traffic and Parking fees and regulations within the limits provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the proposed University Traffic and Parking Regulation FIU-1105 consists of language present in the University's Traffic and Parking rule 6C8-5.006 which is revised primarily to reflect the name of the department responsible for specified duties throughout the regulation and to reflect changes in the decal registration fees and is being presented for adoption;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the BOT adopts the following University Regulation, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "K":

- FIU-1105 – University Traffic and Parking Regulations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, as the Regulation includes information on fees, the University Administration will submit the University Traffic and Parking Regulations FIU-1105 to the Florida Board of Governors for approval.

3. Health Fee

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Kirk Landon introduced the Student Health Fee Increase for Board consideration. He reported that the Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended it for Board review and approval. Student Trustee Alex Prado added that the students reviewed the new fees and felt the increase would enhance health-care services at the university and so approved of the increase.

Without further discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Florida International University Board of Trustees (the BOT) has the power to establish a Student Health Fee for the university pursuant to Board of Governor's Resolution adopted January 7, 2003, which references **Section 1009.24(10)**, Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS, the health fee committee has approved an increase in the health fee in the amount of \$13.20 per semester effective Fall 2006;

WHEREAS, the President has approved the fee increase after consultation with the Student Government president;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOT approve a Health Fee increase from the current \$54.00 per semester to \$67.20 per semester effective Fall 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the increase will fund existing services, expanded services, and increased hours during the week and weekends based on student survey results and utilization levels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOT authorizes the University Administration to take all further actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

B. Committee Status Reports

Chairman Parker requested that each Committee Chair present a status report on the ongoing work of the Committees.

Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Chair Herbert Wertheim, Finance and Audit Committee Chair Kirk Landon, Administration and Athletics Committee Chair Albert Dotson and Governmental Relations Committee Chair Miriam López reported on items heard by their respective Committees. Chairman Parker thanked the Committees for their work noting that their careful review of university issues was of invaluable service to the entire Board.

VI. Other Business:

Chairman Parker noted that this was the last Board meeting for Student Trustee and Student Government President Alex Prado. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Chairman extended his gratitude to Trustee Prado for his commitment and dedication to the Board, to the University and to students.

VII. Adjournment:

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees was adjourned on Tuesday, 21 March 2006, at 11:56 a.m.

David Parker
Chairman
FIU Board of Trustees

Modesto A. Maidique
Corporate Secretary
FIU Board of Trustees

Attachments: Exhibits "A," "B," "C," "D," "E," "F," "G," "H," "I," "J," & "K"

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